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Revision of Economic Intelligence Statistical Handbook

1. As requested in your memo of 19 December 1958, the list of tables contained in the Economic Intelligence Statistical Handbook has been reviewed.

2. Critique of existing coverage. The items presently included, radio and television receivers and electron tubes, are still considered important. Statistics on radio and television receivers indicate the existing availability of electronics goods for the non-military sector of the economy and are important in the assessment of availability of electronics goods for military use.

3. Format. In the Soviet Union as in the United States, the electronics industry is now considered to exist separately from the electrical industry. It is felt that individual headings for the electronics industry and the electrical industry are warranted at this time.

4. Additions. There are no electronic commodities which should be added at this time.

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